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6. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the search criteria is a predetermined keyword.

16. (Twice Amended) A method for providing a user interface for a visual thesaurus for a media clip database associated with a multimedia application program, wherein said media clip database contains information, including keywords, that describes each associated media clip in said media clip database, comprising:

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directly in response to a user selecting a media clip from said media clip database, displaying to the user an option for finding similar media clips that have an associated keyword that matches the associated keyword for the selected clip.

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18. (Twice Amended) The method of Claim 16, further comprising, in response to a user selecting the option for finding similar clips, displaying means for the user to select search criteria for finding similar clips, wherein said search criteria is based solely on keywords associated with said selected clip.

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24. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for searching a plurality of media clips, comprising:

(a) a processing unit; and
(b) a storage medium coupled to the processing unit, the storage medium storing program code implemented by the processing unit for:

(i) providing an interface for a user to select a media clip from a media clip database associated with a multimedia application program, wherein said media clip database contains information, including keywords, that describes each associated media clip in said media clip database;

(ii) providing an interface for the user to select search criteria based on keywords associated with said selected media clip; and

(iii) in response to the user selecting the media clip and the search criteria, retrieving all media clips in the media clip database that have an associated keyword that matches the selected search criteria for the selected media clip.

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29. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the search criteria is a predetermined keyword.

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38. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for providing a user interface for a visual thesaurus for a media clip database associated with a multimedia application program, wherein the media clip database contains information, including keywords, that describes each associated media clip in said media clip database, comprising:

(a) a processing unit; and

(b) a storage medium coupled to the processing unit, the storage medium storing program code implemented by the processing unit for displaying to a user an option for finding similar media clips that have associated keywords that match the associated keywords for a selected media clip, directly in response to the user selecting the media clip.

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40. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the program code displays means for a user to select search criteria is based solely on keywords associated with said selected clip for finding similar clips, in response to the user selecting the option for finding similar clips.

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